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Ms. Julie Parks
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Parks:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your correspondence on September 15, 2016.

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact me by telephone at (202) 564-7288 or temple.kurt@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kurt T. Temple

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